

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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DOCKET NO. 2011-303-C

Docket Summary: Application of Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Local Exchange and Exchange Access Service to Customers Located in Certain Areas Currently Being Served by Verizon South, Inc. and Request for Flexible Regulation of Local Exchange Service Offerings

Palmetto Telephone Communications, LLC ("Applicant") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. § 58-9-280 to provide local exchange and exchange access service to customers located in certain areas currently being served by Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc. (f/k/a Verizon South, Inc.), ("Frontier"), and United Telephone Company of the Carolinas, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"). Specifically, the Applicant seeks to expand its service area to those Frontier areas contiguous to the area served by Applicant's parent company, Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc., and to those portions of Hampton County served by CenturyLink. The area for which the Applicant seeks to expand its existing certification includes the following exchanges: Frontier's Yemassee, Ehrhardt, Olar, and Fairfax exchanges, and CenturyLink's Hampton and Estill exchanges.

A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2011-303-C. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Margaret M. Fox, Esquire, McNair Law Firm, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **September 12, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-303-C.***

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before **September 12, 2011**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-303-C.***

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before **September 12, 2011**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2011-303-C.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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